and built in provisions to ensure convergence of different schemes on food parks.

Statement

No. of food parks approved for assistance by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Sl.No.	State	No. of food parks approved for assistance
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Assam	1
3	Chhattisgarh	1
4	Haryana	2
5	Jammu and Kashmir	3
6	Karnataka	2
7	Kerala	3
8	Madhya Pradesh	5
9	Maharashtra	4
10	Manipur	2
11	Mizoram	1
12	Orissa	1
13	Punjab	1
14	Rajasthan	1
15	Tamil Nadu	1
16	Tripura	1
17	Uttar Pradesh	3
18	West Bengal	3
	TOTAL:	36

Promotion of FPIs

3178. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity and value of fruits and vegetables destroyed/ lost due to absence of food processing industries, in and around the areas of their cultivation; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken/initiated by Government to establish and/or to promote establishment of food processing units in such areas, with a

view to save loss of agricultural produce and its value to the cultivator?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) in 1995, Government of India constituted a Working Group on Post Harvest Management, Marketing and Exports. This Group estimated that post harvest losses in different crops ranges from 8% to 37%. These losses occur during different stages after harvest.

(b) For promotion of Food Processing Industries, under Plan Schemes of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance is provided in the form of grant for setting up of new unit or for expansion/ modernisation of existing unit. Further, other schemes of the Ministry promote Food Processing Industries through infrastructure development, quality assurance, human resource development etc. Besides, other agencies like, NHB, APEDA, NCDC also provide assistance under their respective schemes.

Control on import of processed foods

3179. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose strict control on imports of processed foods in the country, by amending the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of dumping processed foods by various countries in India have come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) A Draft Bill proposing certain amendments to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, was recently circulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the State Governments, concerned Departments/ Ministries of the Central Government and other stakeholders for their